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## House Armed Services Committee

### Duncan Hunter, Chairman

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#### TACTICAL AIR AND LAND FORCES SUBCOMMITTEE

*Experts to testify on Air Force science and technology (S&T) programs.*

Washington, D.C. – The Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. House of Representatives today announced details of a field hearing planned for Dayton, Ohio. The hearing, at which Members of Congress will receive testimony about Air Force science and technology (S&T) programs, will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 8:30 a.m. in the Air Force Museum, Carney Auditorium on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio.

#### Media Information:

- All members of the press interested in covering the hearing are urged to contact Harald Stavenas or Angela Sowa at the House Armed Services Committee Press Office at 202-225-2539.
- The Air Force Museum, Carney Auditorium is located at 1100 Spaatz Street, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433. For directions, please call (937) 255-3286.
- Subcommittee members will be available to the press immediately following the hearing at a location to be determined.

#### Public Information:

- The hearing is open to the public.

#### July 19 Hearing:

##### Witness Lists:

General Lester L. Lyles, USAF  
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Major General Paul D. Nielsen, USAF  
Commander, Air Force Research Laboratory  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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## **Background Information:**

The jurisdiction of the House Armed Services Committee includes the operations of the Department of Defense (DOD), as well as the national security operations of the Department of Energy's (DOE) budget. DOD's annual budget of nearly \$400 billion (requested for fiscal year 2004) affects millions of military and civilian personnel, thousands of facilities, and hundreds of agencies, departments, and commands located throughout the world. The oversight responsibilities of the House Armed Services Committee are conducted primarily within the context of the committee's consideration of the annual defense authorization bill.

Subcommittees of the House Armed Services Committee have held several "field" hearings in recent years on various subjects including military readiness, military health care, and domestic counter-terrorism preparedness. In many cases, testimony provided at these hearings directly influenced provisions contained in the annual National Defense Authorization Act.

The committee divides its responsibilities between six standing committees (Tactical Air and Land Forces; Readiness; Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities; Total Force; Strategic Forces; and Projection Forces).

The Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee is chaired by U.S. Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA) and is comprised of 30 members of Congress. The subcommittee is responsible for most Army and Air Force acquisition programs and all Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs, as well as National Guard and Army and Air Force reserve modernization, and ammunition programs.

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